

Claims

1. (Previously Amended) A method for disseminating stock quotes in real time, said method comprising:
 - receiving stock quote information from a provider by a quote server;
 - in response to a stock quote request from a user by a contact server, said contact server requesting said stock quote request from said stock quote server;
 - sending a respective stock quote according to said stock quote request to said contact server by said quote server; and
 - disseminating said stock quote to said user by said contact server.
2. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said provider is a field vender.
3. (Previously Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said contact server is a workstation.
4. (Previously Amended) A stock quoting system comprising:
 - a quote server for receiving the information from a provider;
 - a contact server for requesting a stock quote request from said quote server, in response to said stock quote request being requested by a user;
 - means for sending a respective stock quote according to said stock quote request to said contact server by said quote server; and
 - means for disseminating said stock quote to said user by said contact server.
5. (Previously Amended) The stock quoting system of Claim 4, wherein said provider is a field vender.
6. (Previously Amended) The stock quoting system of Claim 4, wherein said contact server is a workstation.
7. (Previously Added) The method as defined in Claim 3, wherein:
 - the step of determining if the information is being requested by a user is accomplished by the quote server determining if the contact server is requesting a particular stock quote; and

the step of sending the requested information to the contact server is accomplished by the quote server sending the requested information to the contact server.

8. (Previously Added) The method as defined in Claim 7, wherein the contact server is a workstation.

9. (Previously Added) The method as defined in Claim 7, wherein a database is associated with the quote server, and the method further comprises tracking the history of each particular stock quote using the database.

10. (Previously Added) The method as defined in Claim 9, further comprising:
receiving the particular stock quote;
determining if the particular stock quote is in the database;
adding the particular stock quote to the database if the particular stock quote is not in the database; and
updating the database if the particular stock quote is already in the database.

11. (Previously Added) The system as defined in Claim 5, wherein the information is stock quotes.

12. (Previously Added) The system as defined in Claim 11, further comprising a database associated with the quote server and positioned to track the history of each particular stock quote, and wherein the quote server further determines if the particular stock quote is in the database, adds the particular stock quote to the database if the particular stock quote is not in the database, and updates the database if the particular stock quote is already in the database.

13. (Previously Added) A system for disseminating real time information comprising:

a quote server positioned to receive stock quote information from a provider;
a contact server, positioned to request a stock quote from the quote server, responsive to the stock quote request being requested by a user;
means associated with the quote server and responsive to the stock quote request for sending a stock quote to the contact server; and

means associated with the contact server for disseminating the stock quote received from the quote server to at least one user.

14. (Previously Added) The system as defined in Claim 13, wherein the provider is a field vender.

15. (Previously Added) The system as defined in Claim 13, wherein the contact server is a workstation.

16. (Previously Added) The system as defined in Claim 13, further comprising a database associated with the quote server and positioned to track the history of each particular stock quote, and wherein the quote server further determines if the particular stock quote is in the database, adds the particular stock quote to the database if the particular stock quote is not in the database, and updates the database if the particular stock quote is already in the database.